Budgetary Assistance to export Promotion Council

706. PROF K.V.THOMAS: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of assistance given by the Government to each of the Export Promotion Councils during 1991-92 and the Budget provision for each council for 1992-93;

(b) the number of sanctioned and actual staff strength in each of these council;

(c) the steps taken for the reduction in the expenditure of each council; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by each council to promote exports in 1992-93 and onwards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b). A statement is attached.

(c) Effective steps are being taken by the councils for reduction in their expenditure by adopting the following measures:-

(i) Closure of foreign offices to the extent considered appropriate, by the councils having foreign offices.

(ii) Economy in expenditure on domestic and international tours.

(iii) Economy in telephone, telex, postage and contingent expenditure. etc.

(d) The steps proposed to be taken by the councils to promote exports in 1992-93 and onwards include:-

(i) Publicity/Advertisement

(ii) Participation in Fairs, Exhibitions, Buyer seller meets, Trade delegations, Sales-cum study teams, Individual sales teams, Research & Development, Market Surveys etc.

STATEMENT

Sl. No.	Name of the Export Promotion Council	Grant in AIO Released in 1991-92 (Rs. in Lakhs)	Budget Provisions for 1992-93	No. of sanctioned posts	Actual Staff strength
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Apparel EPC	*NIL	Budgets of 1992-93 of various Councils are being discussed and these would be Finalised only in March 1992.	588	498
2.	Basic Chemicals and Pharm. and Cosmetics EPC,	22.77		79	75
3.	Carpet EPC	14.87		18	18
4.	Ceshew EPC	3.32		19	17
5.	Cooton Textiles EPC	**NIL		***	***
6.	Chemicals and Allied	82.64		114	110
7.	Council for Leather Exports	67.00		78	78
8.	EPC for Handcrafts	15.79		14	13
9.	Engineering EPC	162.01		311	309
10.	Electronics and Computer Software EPC	24.79		19	15

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1	2	3	4	5	6
11.	Gem & Jewellery	47.94	Budget of 1992-93 of varous Councils are beings discussed and these would be Finalised only in March 1992.	77	73
12.	Handloom EPC	45.07		63	60
13.	Indian Silk EPC	25.82		29	25
14.	Overseas Construction Council of India	4.97		15	14
15.	Plastics and Linoleums EPC	14.84		40	40
16.	Sports Goods EPC			24	20
17.	Synthetic and Rayon Textiles EPC	25.76		49	39
18.	Shellac EPC	13.76		44	43
19.	Wool & Woollen LPC	9.79		33	31
	Total	596.03		1614	1478

* The matter regarding release of withheld grants of Apparel EPC is presently under consideraton.
** The Cotten TExtiles EPC is not voluntarily taking any grant from Govt. on its budged.
*** As the Council is not taking any Government grant the posts in the Council are not sanctioned by the Government.